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Town Paid For Excess Gravel Taken *Coffers Swell by Over \$200K!*

(Lamoine) - The town has received \$237,101.25 from Doug Gott and Sons, Inc. for gravel that was taken in excess of the amount contracted during the past 10-years.

In August, a check was received for \$58,351.25 for gravel that surveyor Steve Salsbury calculated was in excess of the various contracts between Gott and the town over the time span. Salsbury had taken a baseline survey in 1996 and calculated the amount of gravel taken this summer, and based the amount on the difference in the various contracts. However, one of the contracts calculated in to Salsbury's figures was in error. An amendment to that contract revised the amount purchased downward. At the direction of the Board of Selectmen,

treasurer Stu Marckoon gathered all the contracts, compiled all the payments received, and found that Gott had removed an additional 143,000 yards beyond the contracts. The last contract required Gott to pay \$1.25 per yard in excess of that removed by the contract, which means the town was due another \$178,750. That check arrived in mid-September.

The Selectmen met with Salsbury and Gott and did a site walk of the restored excavation area on the town owned land. Salsbury said the estimated removal amount varied by so much because the area approved for gravel removal by the Planning Board in 2001 was more than they had anticipated, and no contract was drawn up to reflect the larger volume. The contract called for a final report by June.

School Building Plans Move Forward *Public Forum Set for October 12th*

(Lamoine) – It's time for voters to share their thoughts on a major renovation and addition project at the Lamoine School. A public forum is set for Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the school. The school committee and its building committee will share what work has taken place over the past several years, information on the renovation loan/grant, and the results of the polling they have done thus far.

The School Committee, Building Committee, and Selectmen have agreed that the timing is right to propose an addition to the school to eliminate the two portable classrooms and create a gymnasium large enough to accommodate community and extra curricular needs. The present gym is unfit to play a basketball game because of condensation issues. Limited floor space makes it nearly impossible for parents and fans to watch a contest. The gym is the community's largest gathering space, and at town meeting time seating is limited.

But the building project is far more than a gym. The state loan program will address basic safety needs such as electrical, water, heating, and sewer. It will not provide for space improvements. The building committee needs to hear from townspeople on where the school priorities should be placed. They have identified a set of issues and circulated questionnaires to school staff and Selectmen to find where their priorities lie. The top five priorities ranked by those questioned were:

1. Gym, locker rooms, fine arts area/stage
2. Replace Portables with permanent space
3. Parking/Student Drop-off area
4. State-of-the-Art Technology Infrastructure
5. Grade Groupings/Bathrooms and Water

The October 12th session will be an additional opportunity for those who have not been questioned to weigh in. Written and e-mail comments will also be accepted for a one-week period. Once the comments are evaluated, the building committee will continue their work with architects from Oak Point Associates on a preliminary plan to present to the public for a second round of comments. That meeting is planned for November.

Fire Department Improved From Top To Bottom

Top—Matthew & Michael Jordan prepare to put the ice and water shield down on the Fire Station Roof. Below—Mary Harney & Tyler Black apply the first coat of floor paint



(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Fire Station looks quite spiffy and is ready for the next 25-years of service. Voters approved of a roofing job this summer and the bid was awarded to Mike Jordan, a volunteer firefighter who's also a roofer. He stripped off the old shingles, installed ice and water shield and put on the new shingles. Jordan said the original fiberglass shingles put on when the station was built in 1989 reached the end of their life a few years back, and the roof has leaked from time to time.

Appeals Board Turns Down Cottage Plan

(Lamoine) - The town's Board of Appeals upheld a Planning Board decision to deny an after-the-fact permit to a Meadow Point Road property owner who reconstructed a cabin in the Shoreland Zone, and enlarged it. The move puts the matter before the Board of Selectmen who have offered a consent agreement to the James Tweedie Trust calling for appropriate action within 90-days, and for a significant fine.

The problem began in the fall of 2005 when Tweedie's carpenter told him the cabin in question was beyond repair and should be torn down and built anew. Neither Tweedie nor the contractor obtained a permit for the project. The town issued a notice of violation and stop work order in March. Tweedie applied for a Planning Board permit, but the application was for a building larger than allowed. The old cabin was less than 100-feet from the high water mark, and could only expand by 30% in floor area or volume.

Both the Planning Board and the Appeals Board found that the floor area expansion greatly exceeded the limit, mostly due to the addition of a loft area. The volume expansion was slightly higher than the 30% maximum. Both boards spent extensive time with the calculations. Mr. Tweedie's attorney said his client is willing to enter a consent agreement, but not the initial offer from Selectmen.

Firefighters used privately raised funds to pay for the paint job by Mary Harney, owner of Bear Meadow Enterprises. Harney is also a volunteer firefighter. The old grey paint was replaced by a dark red with yellow stripes to guide the fire trucks into the garage. The paint job complements the interior paint job Harney completed earlier in the year. The fire department also plans to install an automatic generator and gear lockers in the building.



Program Set For Flag Donations

(Lamoine) - People love the flags! The flags mounted on the utility poles from Lamoine Corner to Mill Road and on Douglas Highway from Jordan River Road toward Ellsworth drew positive comments from everyone. Several wanted to know how to help with the effort, so the Selectmen have approved of a program to encourage that.

For a \$50 donation, the town will purchase a flag and bracket and mount it on a utility pole around the time of flag day, and keep it mounted until August 1st. The reason for taking flags down on August 1st is to preserve the flags so they can be used over several seasons. The donor's name will be displayed on the wall in the Town Office where the veterans pictures and articles hang. Donors may choose to give a donation in memory of someone special and that would be noted in the display.



The Selectmen will also budget for a certain number of replacement flags each year in the town budget. During the approximately two months the flags flew this summer, two of them were damaged by passing vehicles that snagged them, presumably on truck mirrors.

Alternates Replaced On Planning Board

(Lamoine) - Both alternate members of Lamoine's Planning Board have stepped down in recent months. Employment conflicts prevented Lance Landon from attending meetings, so the Selectmen declared a vacancy to replace him. Four applicants contacted the town office and were interviewed by the Selectmen for the slot. Carpenter Michael Jordan was selected for the position. Jordan is a volunteer firefighter and has been a life-long resident of Lamoine. He said his

perspective as a contractor could greatly assist the board.

Enid Neleski also submitted her resignation, citing a lack of time and devotion to the Jina's Gym effort. She's been replaced by Jim Gallagher of Great Ledge Road, a retired University of Maine professor and recent arrival in Lamoine. The Selectmen kept the information from the three applicants who were not appointed the previous month, and used that pool from which to select Gallagher.

Paper Work Filed For Two Subdivisions

(Lamoine) - The Planning Board will deal with a pair of subdivision applications during the fall months. The first continues work begun in June for the potential division of property on Shore Road into 8 parcels. Sno-Drum LLC has submitted the application which the Planning Board found incomplete at its meeting in September. Additional information has been submitted to the

Board for its October 2nd meeting.

The other application was from modular home builder Wayne Wright of Ellsworth. He's purchased a parcel of land on Route 204 (Partridge Cove Road) that he proposes to turn into a subdivision. The preliminary application was received at the September meeting, a site visit conducted later in the month. A full application is expected for the November meeting.

Anti Litter Signs Posted

(Lamoine) - At the urging of Lamoine's Conservation Commission, Selectmen approved purchase of a pair of signs, thanking people for not throwing trash out along side the road. The signs have been posted on Mud Creek Road and Pinkhams Flats, sights of chronic littering problems.



Policies Approved for Attorney, Complaints

(Lamoine) - Selectmen gave final approval to a pair of policies that resulted from a joint meeting with the Planning Board and the Code Enforcement Officer. One relaxes and clarifies the policy for utilization of the town attorney, giving several key officials the right to initially consult with the attorney before receiving permission from the Selectmen.

The other requires any complaints for alleged code violations be made in writing. The purpose for this policy is two-fold. Written complaints provide a starting point for the Code Enforcement Officer to begin an investigation, and the form gives the complainant a guide with which to adequately describe the alleged violation. The form is available on-line.

Code Enforcement Officer Hours Modified

(Lamoine) - Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford plans to expand the hours he's available at the town office to assist the public. With a modified contract, Ford will be in the usual hours on Tuesday (10AM to Noon), and perform inspections on Tuesday afternoons. Mr. Ford also will be available for appointments on

Thursdays. Persons who wish to meet with the CEO should call the town office prior to Thursday morning to arrange for a time with the town office staff.

Mr. Ford also plans to be in the office from 10AM to Noon on the first Saturday of each month to assist those who can't come in during a weekday.

Small Businesses Gain Permits In Lamoine

(Lamoine) - They're not exactly on the same scale as the large box stores under consideration in neighboring Ellsworth, but the Planning Board has dealt with a number of very small business requests for permitting as home occupations. The Building and Land Use Ordinance requires Planning Board Approval for operations that are incidental to residential uses in a home.

During the summer months, the Planning Board approved of home occupation permits for Steve Leonard-Johnson of Otter Lane for producing a supplemental pill made from seaweed. The Planning Board required a letter from the Food and Drug Administration as a condition of the permit.

Joanne Parkinson of Marilyn Lane (off Berry Cove Road) won approval for a basket-making operation she operates from her new home. There is no retail traffic involved with either operation.

The Planning Board also approved of a redemption center run by Asa's Lane resident Stacey Curtis and his family. That operation will be in Mr. Curtis' garage which already exists. The Planning Board was somewhat concerned about traffic on the road, and a couple members voted against the proposal, believing it had cross the line into a commercial operation, which carries more stringent requirements. A home occupation is defined by the ordinance as *an occupation or profession which is customarily conducted on or in a residential structure or property and which 1) clearly incidental to and compatible with the residential use of the property and surrounding residential uses; and 2) which employs no more than two (2) persons other than family members residing in the home.*

The Board has developed an application form for home occupations to help both the property owner and board through the approval process.

Cell Phone Tower Closer To Possibility

(Lamoine) - The town's effort to interest a communications company in locating a cellular phone tower near the former landfill seems to have sparked some interest. A company that sites towers for Cingular has been in contact with the town, as has its attorney. A draft contract was forwarded, but final language and town meeting approval have not yet been sought. The attorney for the company showed up and took home the applications needed to build. A note from the attorneys office received in late September said Cingular had put a hold on several projects, but they're planning to move forward.

The Selectmen felt a cell tower might be an appropriate use of the closed landfill area, providing phone coverage for a town that lies in a dead spot in most locations. Additionally, a tower would pay a lease to the town for the land space (the proposed contract is \$800/month). Selectmen heard from retired engineer John Wuorinen about concerns regarding radio waves and their effect on human health. Wuorinen said some studies suggest that close proximity to transmission towers at the frequencies used by cell phones could potentially cause cancer in humans, though no formal study was presented.

Selectmen Explore Flooring

(Lamoine) - The old spruce boards on the town hall meeting room floor have started to flake apart, and the floor can't be sanded and refinished again, so Selectmen are exploring options. Town meeting approved a \$1,600 budget and Selectmen set aside \$2,000 in unspent administration funds from the past fiscal year for possible floor covering. Proposal requests were sent to area flooring companies and opened in September. Three companies submitted bids ranging from \$1,727 for carpeting and pad to \$6,942.40 for a vinyl product that looks remarkably like a wooden floor, but is much easier to clean. The higher the price, the more durable the product according to the bid submissions.



The Options
Flooring companies submitted samples of materials that could cover the deteriorating wooden floor in the town office meeting room

Selectmen have tabled a decision until more exploration can be done on flooring types that might be appropriate for the town office. The floor specs ask for a product that is easy to clean and durable.

Permit Issuance Drops For Summer

(Lamoine) - The number of building permits issued between mid-June and mid-September in 2006 totaled 5-fewer than the previous year. Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford issued the following permits:

Nbr	Name	Project
39	Sean O'Conner	RV
40	Brigitte Cassidy	Remodel Garage
41	Ken Glover	Deck
42	Dennis Ford*	Steps to Shore
43	Wm. Hartzell	Steps to Shore
44	Carolyn Gray	Addition
45	Neila McIntre	Residence
46	Bruce Parlee	Storage Shed

47	Richard Ladeau	Deck
48	Charles Cobb	Shed
49	Doug Heminger	Residence
50	Thomas Earl	Garage
51	Dean Murphy	Shed
52	Charles Weber	Greenhouse
53	Dianna Taylor	Garage
54	Bruce Parlee	Addition
55	Greg Mannisto	Residence
56	Maury Oliver	Shed
57	Steve Callahan	Addition
58	Paul Trepanier	Deck
59	Stacey Curtis	Sign

*Issued by R. Sharkey
The number of residences fell from 5 during the same span in 2005 to 3 in 2006.

Big Crowd for Shoreland Hearing

(Lamoine) - A capacity crowd filled the town office as the Planning Board listened to Shoreland property owners give their opinions about proposed amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The draft document was well circulated with notices that the hearing would take place placed in the annual tax bill mailing. Some testified they felt the town was imposing more restrictions on Shoreland use for no good reason. Planning Board members explained that many of the proposed changes were

made to bring the Lamoine ordinance into compliance with the latest state changes. The Planning Board may opt to remove timber harvesting regulation on the local level, inserting instead that state laws are in effect along the Shoreland, giving the Department of Conservation enforcement authority. The next draft of the ordinance should be available in November, with another hearing to be announced to make final adjustments before a formal public hearing in January. Town meeting in March 2007 will make a final decision.

Fiscal Year Ends With Strong Surplus

(Lamoine) - Healthy car sales, increased interest rates, and frugal spending combined to pump about \$82,500 more into the general fund than budgeted for the fiscal year that ended on June 30th. Figures are subject to the final audit that will be completed this fall.

Income from investment interest was more than double the \$18,500 that was budgeted thanks to a large series of hikes in money market rates by the federal reserve. Excise taxes were nearly \$24,000 greater than the \$270,000 budgeted for the fiscal year. A couple revenues came in short. Watercraft excise tax was \$22 under budget, and code enforcement fees were \$2,400 less than budgeted. The aggressive budgeting for Code Enforcement was an attempt to keep the municipal property tax levy at \$0 as required by LD-1.

Tax Rate Falls

(Lamoine) - Property owners got a pleasant surprise when opening tax bills this year. The tax rate fell to \$7.00 per \$1,000 of valuation, down from \$7.30 last year. That means a tax reduction of \$66.60 on a home valued at \$222,000, the approximate median home/land value in Lamoine.

The reason for the tax reduction is two-fold. The amount of property tax needed to fund the school fell as state aid to education rose. The taxable valuation of the town rose by about \$6-million dollars thanks to subdivisions and new buildings.

Bangor Hydro Transmission Line Update

(Lamoine) - A high voltage transmission line that will cut through the northern part of Lamoine is likely to be constructed in 2008. Several media outlets reported in August that the utility plans to run the line from the Hancock sub-station to a new substation in Trenton. Bangor Hydro officials met with the Conservation Commission in July and announced that the plan was a go.

The utility has purchased property and easements in Lamoine, including a subdivision on Douglas Highway, a home on Buttermilk Road, and land easements between Buttermilk Road and Route 3 in Trenton. Officials plan to have a final mapped route in the next few weeks according to the conservation commission.

The permitting process may take longer than construction. Lisa Martin of Bangor Hydro said they will need to obtain permits from the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Army Corps of Engineers and local boards in Trenton, Ellsworth and Lamoine among others. The permitting process is expected to take a year. The project is budgeted at \$18 million.

Trails For Lamoine?

By Fred Stocking, Chair

Lamoine Conservation Commission

(Lamoine) - The Conservation Commission is interested in forming a Trail Subcommittee to explore creation of walking and hiking trails in Lamoine. The survey done by the Long-Range Planning Committee indicated that walking/hiking is by far the most common recreational pastime of Lamoine residents. At the same time, increasing traffic is seen by some as creating hazards for those walking on the roads.

This, plus the dedication of Doug and Bev Coleman's trails have created some interest in exploring further trails in town. Bethany Hanson is willing to help lead such an effort if others are interested.

Please come to the October meeting of the Conservation Commission (Wednesday October 11, 2006 at 7 pm at the Lamoine Town Hall) to explore what might be done and who is interested in helping.

Cable TV System Acquired



(Lamoine) - A federal judge has completed the bankruptcy sale of Adelphia to Time Warner Cable, meaning there are new owners to the cable TV system serving Lamoine. Viewers won't notice much difference other than ads promoting the new company's services. The players haven't really changed, except that the service tech trucks have a new sign on them.

Now that the sale is complete, towns are expected to approach Time Warner with inquiries about expanding cable service to un-wired areas. Many Lamoine residents have expressed a desire to have cable TV service on their roads, mostly for the high speed Internet capability. Company officials say there will be regional meetings scheduled sometime this fall to discuss expansion options.

Selectmen Adopt New Emergency Plan

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen have approved a new emergency plan for the town government should a disaster hit. The updated plan gives specifics for a number of different potential disasters ranging from wind storms, prolonged power outages, flooding, hurricanes, wildfires, and hazardous materials accidents.

One new area addressed is the possibility of an epidemic or pandemic. Emergency planners nationwide have discussed the potential for disaster in a widespread flu outbreak similar to one in the early 1900's. If a similar disease spread happens, officials worry that those who provide emergency service will be unable to function. On the local level this could affect ambulance and fire calls, and the plan gives scenarios to close the town hall and school.

Committee Forms To Study Land Preservation

By Lynda Tadema-Wielandt,

Lamoine Conservation Commission

(Lamoine) - The Long Range Planning Committee's 2005 questionnaire indicated broad based community support for land conservation. In response to this sentiment, the Conservation Commission has formed a Land Conservation Initiative - a Committee which held its initial meeting on September 6th. According to the resolution creating the Committee, its purpose is to:

- establish a land conservation initiative;
- research and publish methods of land conservation to increase the Town's understanding of the tools and methods available;
- discuss how best to determine the places and uses of land which are most important to the citizens of Lamoine;
- consider requesting that the Town begin to set aside funds for future land acquisition opportunities, and;
- propose, if appropriate, specific land conservation projects which would enjoy broad support within the Town.

The Committee invites residents to tell us about your favorite spots in Lamoine, places you would like to see kept intact. To do this, please email incagirl@adelphia.net or dbamman@mainevaluation.com, or drop

a line to: Lamoine Conservation Commission, Lamoine Town Hall, 606 Douglas Highway, Lamoine, ME 04605. We will compile a list and have it available for the November meeting.

If interested in the work of the Committee you can:

- notify Lynda Tadema-Wielandt at 667-3994 of your interest.
- attend any or all of the Committee's open, public meetings. The Committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Town Hall except in October when it meets on October 17th at 7p.m.

Those in attendance at the initial meeting on September 6th were: Donald Bamman, Ray Becker, Jo Cooper, Michael Garrett, Laura Lyell, Diane Sanderson and Lynda Tadema-Wielandt. Additional Committee members are welcome. Barbara Welch, Executive Director of the Frenchman Bay Conservancy, attended the meeting and spoke about the various tools available for land conservation, and answered the group's questions on processes. Barbara closed by stating the Conservancy is seeking proposals from communities (such as Lamoine) and would act as a partner in projects compatible with the Conservancy's interests. She also distributed informational literature on conservation options and plans, and several Conservancy newsletters.

Woods Trail Dedicated

By Ken Smith

On July 29, the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM) dedicated its new 55 acre "Coleman Mixed Woods" woodlands on Seal Point Road. Over 25 people attended, including Everett Towle, President of SWOAM, as well as several local officials. Guided tours followed on of one of the several trails on the property, which are open to the public for non-motorized uses.

The property was most generously donated to SWOAM in 2005 by the Colemans, who are long time SWOAM members. The woodlands are permanently protected by a conservation easement held by the Frenchman Bay Conservancy. Since 1986, the Colemans managed their working woodlands for species diversity, wildlife enhancement, recreation and sustainable timber harvesting. SWOAM plans to maintain the Colemans' objectives as integral parts of its demonstration forest management plan. Part of that plan will include the development of self-guided, interpretative tours along the many trails in furtherance of another of the Coleman's objectives, which is educating the public, young and old, about sustainable forestry practices and other aspects of forest stewardship.

The public is welcome to use the trails for hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Hunting on the property also is allowed, so please use caution during the hunting seasons. The trails can be wet at times so they are not well suited to bicycles. However, as long as riders avoid bicycling during wet periods and stay on the trails, bicycle use is presently permitted. The entrance to the "Coleman Mixed Woods" is located directly across from 223 Seal Point Road and is marked with SWOAM and Tree Farm signs. There is a trail map box at the entrance.

Fewer Tax Liens Filed In July

(Lamoine) - Most everyone paid their 2005/06 property taxes in Lamoine, resulting in about 8 fewer tax liens than usual being filed at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds. Treasurer Stu Marckoon says only 27 liens were filed in July, down from the usual 35 or so

from an average year. The total of liens due was just over \$14,000, down from about \$25,000 in years past. The lower number of filings may be due to the later filing date, thanks to a later tax commitment date in 2005. Liens automatically foreclose after 18-months.

Election Day November 7th May See New Equipment Used

(Lamoine) - You'll still vote for governor on a paper ballot at the town hall, but changes to the election process are being implemented by Maine's Secretary of State under the Help American Vote Act (HAVA). A lot of behind the scenes work has taken place in town halls across the state, and some new equipment will be available for use on November 7th.

The state has decided that a centralized voter registration system should be implemented. The town received notice in mid-August that data from the voter cards was to be loaded into the state system by September 11th. That process was nearly overwhelming, but thanks to efforts by Deputy Town Clerk Stu Marckoon's daughters Sarah & Rebecca, their home computers and a high speed Internet hookup, the task was

accomplished. The state is reimbursing towns 50-cents for each record entered, and a portion of that payment was made to the helpers. The town will realize about two hundred dollars for those cards entered during regular business hours.

The other change in the state system is some sort of telephone/fax hookup to allow voting by phone. Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs will attend training on that in mid-October, and equipment has started to arrive for the process. We think it's supposed to allow voters who wish to have the ballot clerk call a number, punch in a code, then let the voter listen to an audio version of the ballot and punch the numbers on the phone to cast a vote. Once done, the ballot will then be faxed back to the polling place to be placed in the ballot box.

Harbor Ordinance Changes Will Go To Town Meeting

(Lamoine) - If you have a mooring at the town harbor off Lamoine State Park, you will need to actually register or document and pay excise tax on the boat to be placed on it. That's one of several changes proposed to the town's harbor ordinance and to go before voters in March at the annual town meeting.

Harbor Master Gerald Ford came up with a number of changes to improve the clarity of the ordinance based on about 10-years of use.

Other changes include limiting the number of moorings to two per person, requiring mooring holders to be 18-years of age, and clarifying the waiting list process. Tenders on the beach will be required to have their corresponding mooring number displayed on the boat, and mooring balls will have to be white with a blue stripe. The ordinance changes would also increase fees to \$50/year.

Most of the changes simply put into writing that which already exists in state law.

Parks Donations Received

(Lamoine) - A mass mailing to property owners this summer has resulted in several donations received by the town's Parks Commission. As of late September the commission had realized \$625 in donations from 11 individuals.

The donations will be added to the Parks Fund that may be utilized for special projects at Lamoine's three parks (Lamoine Beach, Bloomfield Park and Marlboro Beach). The Parks Commission will hold a workshop on October 10th to work on putting up kiosk type signs at each park.

Parks Commission Limits Access

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Parks Commission has installed a device to discourage vehicular traffic along an impromptu road bordering Lamoine Beach. Originally blocking vehicle access to the outhouse, the barrier was shifted so that the maintenance truck could get by, but traffic could not get onto the path from the parking lot.

Except for commercial fishing vehicles, traffic is barred from Lamoine Beach at all times so that all may enjoy the facility. Several picnic tables were installed by the State Park crew to further discourage vehicular use on the beach.

Trash Source A Mystery

(Lamoine) - A dumpster full of trash after pickup day remains a mystery at the transfer station. Pine Tree Waste says its driver emptied all the dumpsters as usual, and when facility manager Allen Sternfield reported a full one, the mystery was on. Mail with an address was traced, but the owner said they were in the station on Friday to drop off the trash. Further "dumpster diving" was abandoned.

Meanwhile, a couch has shown up at the lot adjacent to the transfer station. In late September the town office got a report of appliances dumped on the road next to the Marlboro Cemetery. A stove and small refrigerator were found by someone visiting the graves. Also found—a street sign (Thaddeus Lane). Further looking found one other sign post and holder, but the sign was missing. The cemetery area has been the repository in the past for ill gotten goods and junk people have to pay to get rid of. The junk will be hauled away.



A Growing Problem
A stove and refrigerator were dumped at Marlboro Cemetery. At least a street sign was recovered.

New Job Prompts School Board Resignation

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's School Committee is one person short. Nancy Sargent, who was elected to a 3-year term last March, has stepped down after being hired as an ed tech at the Surry School. By law all School Board members are members of the Union 92 School Board, and as such have supervisory authority over the Superintendent of Schools. Therefore, employees of any Union 92 School would have a conflict of interest on any of the six school boards. The Lamoine School Committee accepted Sargent's resignation in September.

Chair Faith Perkins reports the school committee expects to appoint an interim member to serve until the town meeting election next March. The resignation means voters will elect three School Committee members in March, similar to this year when two terms came up in rotation and a resignation created the third vacancy.

Annual Town Meeting Date Set

(Lamoine) - The annual town meeting will be held the first week in March as usual. Selectmen approved of Tuesday, March 6, 2007 as election day for municipal officers, and Wednesday, March 7th as the annual open town meeting.

With the date known, the following deadlines are in place:

- Nomination Papers Available—December 8, 2006
- Nomination Papers to be returned by January 19, 2007
- Absentee ballots available February 2, 2007

The following municipal officers will be elected on March 6th:

- Selectmen (two, 3-year terms)
- School Committee (two, 3-year terms, one 2-year term)
- Tax Assessor (one, 3-year term)

The winning school committee members take office at the first regular meeting following the election, same with the Selectmen elected, and the Tax Assessor takes office on July 1, 2007.



Best Year Ever
Firefighter Jim Carney (r) and wife Jen look over a table full of Fire Department auction items

Fire Department Auction BIG Success

(Lamoine) - The annual Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department auction turned out to be the biggest single day event fund raiser in the department's history. Bidders paid over \$7,500 for the goods they brought home with them. Among the big ticket items were heating oil, gravel, and an antique mahogany hand carved dry bar donated by Chief Engineer Mo Oliver. Chas

Hare, a volunteer firefighter and professional auctioneer from Stockton Springs again served as the auctioneer. The Lamoine School gym was packed with bidders, and virtually nothing was left over to haul away in the trash.

Volunteer FF's Get Breathe

(Lamoine) - After nearly two years straight of record numbers of fire calls, the summer of 2006 has been pretty ho-hum for the Lamoine VFD. And that's very much of OK according to chief Skip Smith.

Six alarms have come in since the first of July, five of them in July, and four of those involving trees that either blew into the road or came down on a power line and caught fire. The other July call was for a burning box at the Bangor Hydro building which was extinguished before arrival. After a nearly 2-month span with no 9-1-1 calls, the silence of the pagers was broken in late September by a house fire in Ellsworth. Lamoine was called to stand by the Ellsworth station in case manpower was needed at the scene or for another call.

With such a quiet period, the fire department's account to report to the National Fire Incident system was deactivated due to lack of use. The account was quickly reinstated.

Roads, Landfill Cap Mowed

(Lamoine) - The old Lamoine landfill got a haircut this summer courtesy of George Crawford. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection strongly suggested that the town mow its landfill cap so that trees would not grow and roots go down through the cap, allowing water to percolate through the garbage.

Crawford won the road and landfill cap mowing bid and reported the cap was the big challenge because of its shape and the fence that surrounds the cap made it difficult to turn his big tractor.

The mowing is the first since the clay cap was installed over the old town dump in the mid 1990's. The cap has been burned by the fire department several times.



New Replaces Really Old
A new plastic culvert sits in place on Seal Point Road, replacing the old metal culvert (under the excavator blade).

Road Work Awarded For Fall

(Lamoine) - Several roads will get their shoulders shaped up this fall through grading projects designed to restore proper drainage. Jay Fowler was the lowest of the three bidders on the projects. The work includes finishing the shoulders on Seal Point Road (see right), and cutting shoulders on Asa's Lane, Needles Eye Road, Marlboro Beach Road, Maxwell Ave and Lorimer Road.

Over the years the winter sand has built up tremendously, and often keeps water from gently draining into ditches. That causes a rush of large amounts of water to flow along the lip created by the sand, and when it reaches a low enough spot, it will wash out the road shoulder.

FD Clam Chowder Dinner October 21st

(Lamoine) - Come hungry to the Lamoine School on Saturday, October 21st at 5PM. The annual Lamoine VFD Clam Chowder supper will be held. The event raises about \$1,500 for the fire department to purchase equipment beyond that approved by the town meeting budget.

The menu will be the same as past years—clam chowder prepared by Albert and David Herrick, casseroles donated by various Lamoine residents, baked beans, rolls, beverage, cole slaw, and dessert. Cost for this year's dinner has gone up slightly to \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years old.

Firefighters will go door to door the weekend before the dinner selling tickets which can also be purchased at the town office or at the door.

Seal Point Road Much Smoother

(Lamoine) - The Seal Point Road became a much safer and more pleasant ride this summer thanks to a paving job approved by town meeting. Crews placed a heavy shim coat on top of the road, then a surface coat of pavement, making for a smoother ride.

Prior to paving the town repaired several culverts that had heaved up, causing some jarring bumps along the way. A section of the road was also rebuilt and ditched after breaking apart in recent years due to drainage issues. Jay Fowler's crew performed the preliminary culvert work. The cost for the bulk of the job was encumbered from the previous year budget, but some will have to come from the 06/07 funding.

The job will be finished by Fowler's crew this fall when the sides of the road are graded and filled so that water flows properly into the ditches.

Paving consultant Roger Picard had a pretty accurate estimate for the amount of pavement needed...the project came in just 1.4% under the budget approved by town meeting.



Lining Up to Lay It Down
Crews from Lane Construction lay down the first of two layers of pavement on Seal Point Road in August.

Service Personnel Update

(Lamoine) - Several Lamoiners are serving their country on active duty in the middle east. **Jason Richter** is stationed with the US Marine in Iraq, **Chad Smart** is with the US Navy on board the Enterprise in the Persian Gulf. **Nathaniel Jordan**, who was promoted to Corporal with the Marines, will deploy to Iraq in November.

Also serving but on this side of the ocean are **Josh Jones**, who is just finishing up basic training with the Marine Corps on Parris Island. **Frank Gordon** is at submarine school in Groton Connecticut with the US Navy.

Jina’s Gym Effort Keeps Rolling

(Lamoine) - The effort to raise funds to help with construction of a new gym at the Lamoine Consolidated School. The 2nd annual yard sale raised about \$2,500 in July, and various other events have brought the total as of late September to \$142,000.

Flu Shot Clinic Set

(Lamoine) The Lamoine Town Office will host the annual flu shot clinic. Shots will be given by Health Link on November 15, 2006 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Details on the cost will be forthcoming.

Historic Calendar Planned

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Historical Society will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the East Lamoine Church by publishing a calendar featuring pictures of families and buildings from the Historical Society Archives. Calendars will be available at the Town Hall for \$7.00. The Historical Society hopes to set up a special table on Election Day to sell the calendars.

Cookbooks Reduced

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine PATRONS have lowered the price of cookbooks from \$8 to \$6. Books are still available at the Lamoine Town Office and the Lamoine School. Proceeds from the sale go to the Jina’s Gym Fund.



Five Cheerleaders Chosen For Nationals

(Lamoine) - If you watch the Orange Bowl in January, keep a close eye on the cheerleaders on TV. Five Lamoine girls will be part of the National Cheerleading Association’s pre-game show.

Jennifer Tupper, Heather Tupper, Malarie Brown, Marissa Boynton and Erin Beauvais were chosen by the NCA at cheering camp this summer to participate on the All-American cheer team, about the highest honor a

cheerleader can attain. All five were members of the state championship team in 2006.

It isn’t cheap—the girls have been working hard to raise the estimated \$10,000 needed for travel and accommodation to Florida. The girls have pledged to perform an hour of community service for each \$100 raised. As of mid September the cheerleaders had raised about \$6,000 toward their goal.

Veterans Memorial Effort Begins

(Lamoine) - A group looking into establishing a Veterans Memorial in Lamoine has started its work, getting rolling this summer. Selectman chair Jo Cooper, Fire Chief Skip Smith, Bill Davis, Reggie McDevitt, Asst. Town Clerk Kathy DeFusco, Walt & Marion McFarland of the Historical Society, Ken Fredette, Christa Brey of the Parks Commission, Ronald Madore and Robert Sharkey have all offered to help out in the effort.

Several communities in the area have built veteran memorials in recent years. Sorrento recently dedicated its

facility, and committee members will be looking at that effort as well as memorials in Winter Harbor and Franklin.

Several locations have been mentioned as a possible location, including either side of the Town Hall, the Lamoine Grange Lot, the former Anderson lot the town purchased a few years ago, and in front of the school.

The committee has a lot of work ahead with location, design, and fundraising being the major tasks to accomplish. No particular time goal was set for construction.

Plays To Feature Well Known Folk

By Mary Henry

(Lamoine) - Stu Marckoon a villain? David Henry a gun-wielding butler? Lolly Lovett a high society matron? Gordon Donaldson a village gossip? Fred Stocking a self-pitying, bumbling malcontent? Kathy Stanley’s husband a murderer? What has become of our neighbors?

Come find out during a night of old-fashioned theater at our own Lamoine Grange Hall, Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy two one-act plays: a melodrama, “Curse You Jack Dalton” and an uproarious Irish comedy, “Spreading the News.”

This community event is sponsored by Lamoine Baptist Church as a fund-raiser for Jina’s Gym and the steeple fund at Lamoine Baptist Church. The Lamoine Grange has donated the use of their building and will provide many of the exquisite desserts.

Carol Korty, who has years of experience teaching and directing theater, has graciously agreed to direct these two one act plays.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, as seating is limited and will be assigned in order of date and time of purchase. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. Please call Jean Harris 667-4721 for tickets.

If you would like to volunteer your time to help with lighting, set design, coat check, and other behind the scene chores, please call Mary Henry at 667-6108.

Carol Korty directs rehearsal of “Spreading the News”

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) - Lots of weddings this summer. **Aaron Elswick and Jennifer Finley** were married July 8th. **Joshua Norris and Angela Wellman** tied the knot a week later. **Michael Rounds and Cindy Madore** were married -August 13th. **Todd Simons and Janet Heath** married on August 26th. **Steven Bailey and Michelle Bromley** were united September 3rd, and **James McMillan and Elizabeth Baker** were married in Lamoine on June 15th.

Just two births-**Thomas Patrick Jude** was born on September 6th in Ellsworth. **Albert Anthony Colella** was born in South Korea on April 10th 2005 and has arrived here in Lamoine.

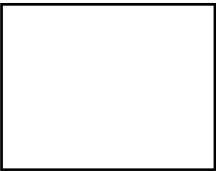
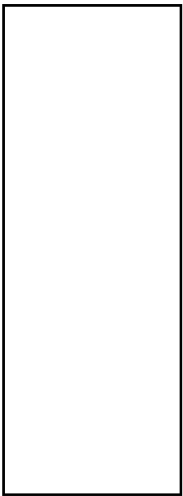
Three deaths to report. **Edwin Wuori** died July 14th. Long time resident **Edna Bunting** passed away September 24th. Former radio announcer **William Treadwell**, known on air as Billy Charles died in late September at his home.



Nice Rack

Patti Haslam took this picture of one handsome bull moose in her backyard on Linden Lane in late summer

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2-5:30 PM School Committee @ School	3-7PM Planning Board	4-7 PM Assessors	5-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	6	7
8	9-Columbus Day— Town Office Closed	10-7PM Parks Commission Workshop	11-7PM Conservation Commission	12-7PM School Building Forum 7PM Fire Dept	13	14
15	16-7PM Budget Committee	17-10AM MDI League of Towns 7PM Land Conservation Sub Committee	18-7PM Veterans Memorial Committee	19-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	20	21-5PM Lamoine VFD Supper @ School
22	23	24-7PM Long Range Planning	25	26-7M Fire Dept.	27	28
29	30-7PM Budget Cmte	31-Property Taxes Due				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1-Assessors 7PM	2-Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept 7PM	3	4
5	6-5:30 PM School Board @ School	7-10AM to 8PM Election Day @ Town Hall	8-7PM Conservation Commission	9-7PM Fire Dept	10-Town Office Closed- Veterans' Day Observed	11
12	13-7PM Budget Committee	14-7PM Planning Board	15	16-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	17	18
19	20	21	22-7PM Fire Dept.	23-Office Closed, Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27-7PM Budget Committee	28-7PM Long Range Planning	29	30-7PM Fire Dept.		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5-7PM Planning Board	6-7PM Assessors	7-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	8-Nomination Papers Available	9
10	11-7PM Budget Committee	12	13-7PM Conservation Commissoin	14-7PM Fire Dept	15	16
17	18-7PM Budget Committee if needed	19-7PM Long Range Planning	20	21-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	22	23
24	25-Town Office Closed, Christmas	26	27	28-7PM Fire Dept.	29	30
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